



**Testimony of AARP**  
**On H.B. 5904, *AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELDER***  
***ABUSE REGISTRY***

Public Health Committee

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AARP is a nonpartisan, social mission organization with an age 50+ membership of nearly 37 million nationwide, and approximately 600,000 here in Connecticut. AARP helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, family caregiving, and independent living.

AARP supports the concept raised in H.B. 5904, An Act Requiring the Establishment of an Elder Abuse Registry.

The proposal would provide individuals and their families with additional information to make informed decisions about health care providers. These tools will empower older adults and their family caregivers with additional information to help ensure older adults receive high quality care. AARP believes states and local area agencies should develop public awareness programs and home and community-based services to help prevent, identify, and address cases of elder abuse. The registry outlined in H.B. 5904 is one tool to help protect seniors and other vulnerable adults.

The registry may help flag a health care provider, who has a history of elder abuse, and give families an additional resource to use when making health care decisions. We look forward to working with the legislative sponsor and members of the Committee to further develop this concept.

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